

Changes in bus service in Federal Way to begin Saturday, September 27

King County Metro Transit is reconfiguring bus service in **Federal Way** and **northeast Tacoma** this fall.

Metro developed these service changes over several months in partnership with Pierce Transit and with advice from a sounding board of local riders and community stakeholders. We gathered public input through two area-wide mailings and at several public meetings and held discussions with the City of Federal Way.

Watch for *Special Rider Alert* brochure and timetables

Watch for a Rider Alert sign at your bus stop by late August, and look for the special Rider Alert brochure and new orange timetables on your bus and at Metro information racks, work sites, and libraries on September 18. The Rider Alert brochure will also be available on Metro Online (transit.metrokc.gov).

Timetables for new bus routes will be available on paper, by phone, or on Metro Online on September 18. Timetables for revised routes will be available on Metro Online on September 26, the day before the changes take effect.

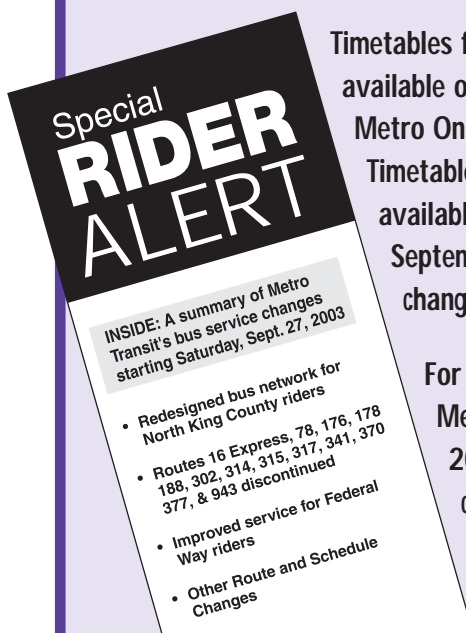
For trip planning help, call Metro Rider Information at 206-553-3000 (TTY users call 206-684-1739) or visit Metro's online trip planner (tripplanner.metrokc.gov).

The service changes are designed to:

- reduce service duplication;
- increase use of Twin Lakes park-and-ride;
- serve SW 356th Street with new transit service;
- improve frequency and hours of operation on key routes; and
- provide better connections between northeast Tacoma and Federal Way.

These changes are consistent with the objectives and strategies of the Six-Year Transit Development Plan for 2002-2007, adopted by the County Council in September 2002.

Some minor changes may occur after this publication has been printed.



2003 Changes in Federal Way and northeast Tacoma

On September 27, Metro Transit bus routes will be revised to provide better overall service and connections and more trips on busy routes. Most riders will benefit from these changes through faster, more direct, or more frequent service, but some will have longer trips or different connections. Some bus stops will have new route numbers.

The changes include discontinuation of some routes, revisions of others, and one new route. These route changes will still allow buses to serve most of the streets and stops served by current routes, sometimes with different combinations and more trips available on some routes.

The routes to be **discontinued and replaced** with other service are:

- King County Metro routes 176, 178, and 188.

The following routes **will change**:

- King County Metro routes 174, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 187, 194, 196, 197, and 903;
- Sound Transit ST Express routes 565 and 574.

The **new route** between northeast Tacoma and Federal Way is:

- King County Metro Route 182, to provide service along SW 356th Street.

The following routes **will not change**:

- King County Metro routes 173 and 901;
- Pierce Transit routes 402, 500 and 501.

The rest of this publication details the changes by route number for both peak service and all-day routes. Please check in September for upcoming Rider Alerts with specific stop changes and other details.

Federal Way all-day two-way routes

Route 174: Discontinuing evening service to South Federal Way park-and-ride

What's new

- After the service change, all **Route 174** evening and night trips will start and end at the Federal Way Transit Center.
- This means that, after 8:30 p.m. on weekdays and after 6:30 p.m. on weekends, Route 174 will no longer operate between the Federal Way Transit Center and the South Federal Way park-and-ride via Pacific Highway South, South 336th Street, and Ninth Avenue South.

Why the change

- Evening ridership is low on Route 174 between the Federal Way Transit Center and South Federal Way park-and-ride.

Service level

- No changes are being made to the service level on Route 174.

Alternatives

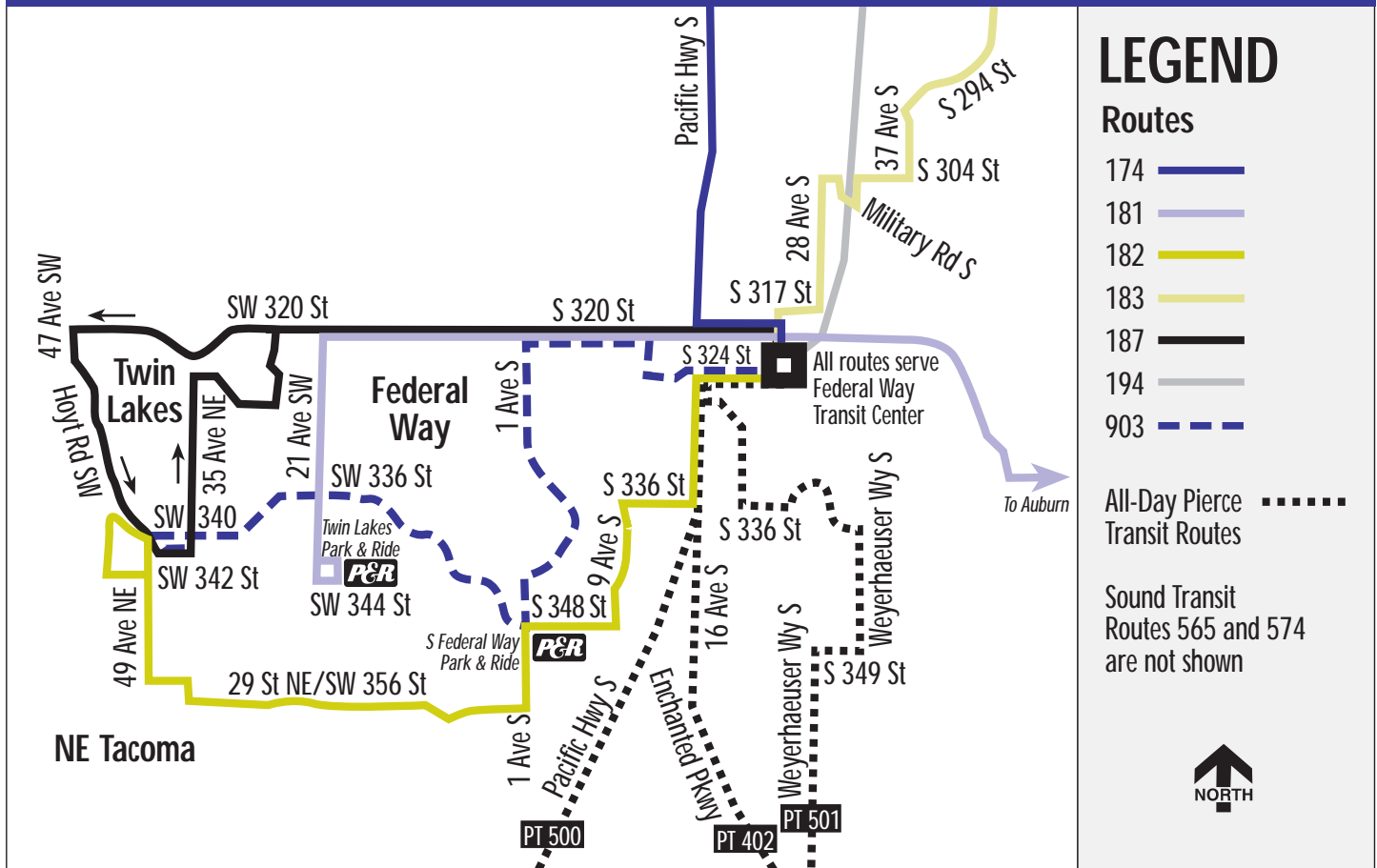
- Riders currently taking Route 174 between the Federal Way Transit Center and South 348th Street and the South Federal Way park-and-ride during those hours will have alternate service available until 7 p.m., on the new **Metro Transit Route 182**.
- Alternate service until approximately 11:30 p.m. is available on **Pierce Transit Route 500** along Pacific Highway South to and from South 348th Street, near the South Federal Way park-and-ride.

Route 181: Faster service between Federal Way and Auburn

What's new

- **Route 181** will offer a faster and more direct routing between Federal Way and Auburn by using Peasley Canyon Road and South 320th Street in both directions, and will no longer operate on Weyerhaeuser Way South, South 342nd/344th streets, or Military Road South.
- To improve service to every 30 minutes weekdays and Saturday along portions of 320th Street and 21st Avenue SW, Metro will extend Route 181 to the Twin Lakes park-and-ride.

Federal Way Network Routing Changes to All-Day Local Network



Why the change

- The change allows Metro to provide faster service between Federal Way and Auburn and more frequent, no-transfer service along portions of 320th Street and 21st Avenue SW to the Twin Lakes park-and-ride.

Service level

- Route 181 will provide more frequent service than current Route 188 along portions of South 320th Street and 21st Avenue SW, every 30 minutes instead of every 60 minutes.

Alternative

- For alternative service along Weyerhaeuser Way South, ride **Pierce Transit Route 501** to and from the Federal Way Transit Center.

Route 182:

New service along SW 356th Street

What's new

- New **King County Metro Route 182** will operate seven days a week along SW 356th Street in south Twin Lakes, and along 29th Street NE and 49th Avenue NE in northeast Tacoma.
- Route 182 will replace portions of **King County Metro Route 194** along South 336th Street and Ninth Avenue South, and **King County Metro Route 903** on 41st Street NE and 49th Avenue NE.

Why the change

- Due to large demand, residents along SW 356th Street will have daily transit service for the first time.

Service level

- **Days of operation:** Seven days a week.
- **Hours of operation:** Approximately 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on weekdays; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
- **Service frequency:** Every 30 minutes during weekday peak hours (approximately 5:30-9 a.m. and 4-7:30 p.m.); every 60 minutes on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and all day Saturday and Sunday until about 7 p.m.

Route 183: Discontinued portion

What's new

- **Route 183** will no longer operate on Military Road South between 31st Avenue South and South 320th Street.
- Route 183 will operate on South 304th Street, 28th Avenue South, South 317th Street, and 23rd Avenue South between Camelot and the Federal Way Transit Center. It will serve Gateway Center, Federal Way Alternative High School, and the 28th Avenue corridor.

Why the change

- Route 183 is being changed due to very low ridership on Military Road South between 31st Avenue South and South 320th Street.

Service level

- No changes are being made to the service levels on Route 183.

Alternative

- Riders along South 320th Street can take transit service on the revised **Route 181**.

Route 187: More service, smaller buses

What's new

- **Route 187** will start service earlier on weekdays during peak hours.
- Service will operate earlier and more frequently during weekday peak hours, every 30 minutes. This expanded service will match the hours of operation of discontinued **Route 176**.
- Smaller 30-foot buses will be used to operate Route 187.

Why the change

- Replacing Route 176 with expanded service on Route 187 will free up resources that can be used for other service improvements in the Federal Way area.
- Some Twin Lakes residents have also requested that King County Metro use small buses instead of larger articulated buses on neighborhood streets.

Service level

- Route 187 will operate every 30 minutes during weekday peak hours, approximately 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Route 188: Discontinued

Alternatives

- For service along 21st Avenue SW and South 320th Street, ride **Route 181**, which will provide more frequent 30-minute service weekdays and Saturday.
- For service along SW 356th Street, take new **Route 182**.

Route 194: More frequent service, longer hours of operation

What's new

- All trips on **Route 194** will begin and end at the Federal Way Transit Center. The route will no longer operate between the Federal Way Transit Center and the South Federal Way park-and-ride.

- Route 194 will operate more frequently during weekday peak hours, and run later in the evening on weekdays and Saturday.

Why the change

- Ridership between the Federal Way Transit Center and the South Federal Way park-and-ride lot is very low. Savings in running time on Route 194 will be reinvested in more frequent service during peak hours on weekdays.

Service level

- During weekday peak hours, Route 194 will be improved southbound in the morning and northbound in the afternoon between Federal Way and downtown Seattle to every 15 minutes instead of every 30 minutes.
- Route 194 will operate later in the evening on weekdays and Saturday, with the last trip leaving downtown Seattle at about 10 p.m. on weekdays and 9:45 p.m. on Saturday.

Alternatives

- Service will be provided until about 7:30 p.m. by new **Metro Transit Route 182** along Pacific Highway South, South 336th Street, and Ninth Avenue South.
- After 7 p.m., **Pierce Transit Route 500** will provide service along Pacific Highway South.

ST Express Route 565: More frequent service

What's new

- Sound Transit's **Route 565 ST Express** will operate every 30 minutes on weekdays, and weekday evening hours of operation will be extended.

Why the change

- Improving the daytime service frequency to every 30 minutes will help make this route more attractive for transferring riders.

Service level

- Route 565 will operate every 30 minutes on weekdays until about 7 p.m., and every 60 minutes between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

ST Express Route 574: More service to SeaTac Airport

What's new

- Sound Transit's **Route 574 ST Express** will operate every 30 minutes on Saturday and Sunday, and evening hours of operation will be extended to seven days a week.
- *A new trip arriving at SeaTac Airport at 3:45 a.m. will be added seven days a week.*

Why the change

- More frequent service and longer weekend hours of operation on Route 574 will provide more convenient service for riders.

Service level

- On weekends, Route 574 will operate every 30 minutes between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., and every 60 minutes at other times until about 11 p.m.

Route 903: Segment being replaced by other routes

What's new

- **Route 903** will no longer operate the Northshore loop via 49th Avenue South.

Why the change

- Ridership along this discontinued segment is low.
- Savings in running time will improve schedule reliability during peak hours on weekdays.
- New **Route 182** will provide daily service along 49th Avenue NE.

Service level

- No changes will be made to service levels on Route 903.

Alternatives

- **Pierce Transit Route 61** and new **Metro Transit Route 182** will provide daily service along 49th Avenue NE.

Pierce Transit Route 61

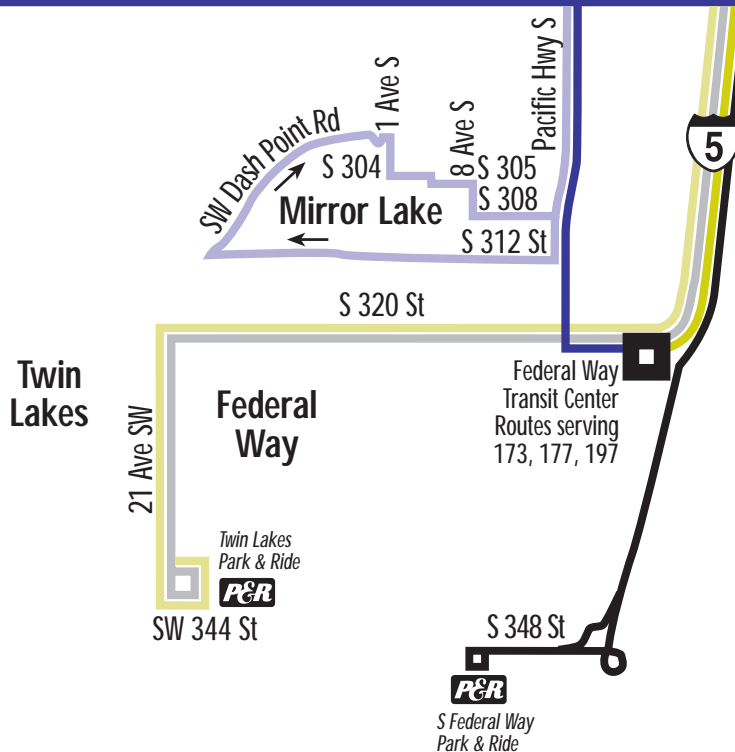
Pierce Transit has been considering changes for PT Route 61. Questionnaires and public comments showed that riders prefer a service option that would connect northeast Tacoma with the Twin Lakes park-and-ride (with connections to Metro routes 179, 181 and 197) and downtown Tacoma. Implementation has been delayed until 2004 at the earliest.



Other changes in King County

In addition to the changes described in this publication, September service changes are also planned for north King County, including **Shoreline**, **Lake Forest Park**, **Kenmore**, and **parts of north Seattle**.

Federal Way Peak-Only Network



LEGEND

Routes

- 173 —
- 175 —
- 177 —
- 179 —
- 196 —
- 197 —

Peak-Only Routes serving the Federal Way Transit Center: 173, 177, 197

Route 179 does NOT serve the transit center



Federal Way peak-only route changes

Route 175: Routing changed in the Mirror Lake area

What's new

- **Route 175** will be revised in the Mirror Lake area to operate a clockwise loop during both morning and afternoon hours, identical to that of **Route 901**.
- Route 175 will operate on South 308th Street between Eighth Avenue South and Pacific Highway South, and will run to and from I-5/Kent-Des Moines Road.
- The route will serve the new Redondo Heights park-and-ride at Pacific Highway South/South 278th Street when the park-and-ride opens in 2004.

- There are no changes to Route 175 north of South 272nd Street.

Why the change

- The revised routing will allow Metro to replace **Route 178** service along South 312th Street and to make the Route 175 trip to downtown Seattle a few minutes shorter for some passengers.

Service level

- Service levels on Route 175 will not change.

Route 176: Discontinued

Alternatives

- Discontinued **Route 176** will be replaced with upgraded service on **Route 187**, connecting at the

Federal Way Transit Center to expanded service on **Route 177**.

Route 177: More trips

What's new

- Trips will be added to **Route 177** between the Federal Way Transit Center and downtown Seattle.

Why the change

- The added trips on Route 177 will substitute for discontinued **Route 176** and **Route 178** trips, providing frequent rush-hour service without gaps.

Service level

- Route 177 will continue to operate frequently during weekday rush hours between the Federal Way Transit Center and downtown Seattle.

Route 178: Discontinued

Alternatives

- **Route 178** will be replaced at Federal Way Transit Center with expanded service on **Route 177**.
- Service along South 312th Street will be provided by revised **Route 175**.
- Service from the Twin Lakes park-and-ride and along 21st Avenue SW will be provided by **Route 179**.
- Those who currently board **Route 178** along First Avenue South will have to walk to either South 312th Street to catch **Route 175** or South 320th Street to catch **Route 179**.

Route 179: Additional trips

What's new

- **Route 179** will operate two additional morning trips and two additional afternoon trips between the Twin Lakes park-and-ride and downtown Seattle.
- These trips will provide supplemental service for discontinued **routes 176 and 178**.
- Morning and afternoon schedules will be revised to provide more frequent service during periods of highest ridership.

Why the change

- More trips will increase use of the Twin Lakes park-and-ride while freeing up spaces for commuters to downtown Seattle at the Federal Way Transit Center and the South Federal Way park-and-ride.

Service level

- There will be two additional peak-hour trips on **Route 179** between the Twin Lakes park-and-ride and downtown Seattle.

Route 197: Moving to Twin Lakes park-and-ride

What's new

- **Route 197** will be revised to start and end at the Twin Lakes park-and-ride instead of the South Federal Way park-and-ride.
- Service will still operate through the Federal Way Transit Center.

Why the change

- The additional service will increase use of the Twin Lakes park-and-ride while freeing up spaces for commuters to downtown Seattle at the Federal Way Transit Center and the South Federal Way park-and-ride.

A note on Metro routes 173 and 175

Although the 2003 service changes do not include all the changes that were proposed for **routes 173 and 175**, changes to these routes are still being considered so as to use resources more efficiently along the Pacific Highway South corridor. Potential changes would be coordinated with the planned 2004 opening of the new Redondo Heights park-and-ride at Pacific Highway South & South 278th Street. The outreach for this process will begin late this year and will include on-board distribution of information to riders, as well as a public meeting.

Service level

- A new evening trip will be added, leaving the University District (University Way NE/NE 45th Street) at approximately 6:10 p.m.

FARE INFORMATION

Type of Rider	METRO TRANSIT		PIERCE TRANSIT		SOUND TRANSIT	
	One-Zone Fare	Two-Zone Fare	One-Zone Fare	Two-Zone Fare	One-Zone Fare	Two-Zone Fare
Adult (19 years+)	\$1.50*	\$2.00*	\$1.25	\$2.00	\$1.25	\$2.00
Youth (5-18 years)	.50	.50	\$1.25	\$2.00	.75	\$1.50
Senior Citizen, Disabled & Medicare (with Reduced Fare Permit)	.50**	.50**	.50	\$1.00	.50	\$1.00

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This publication and other information can be viewed on the Metro Online Web site (see address at right).

Alternative Formats Available

206-263-3424
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Help is available

Look for the *Special Rider Alert* brochure and new orange timetables on your bus and at Metro information racks, work sites, and libraries on September 18.

You can get general information now about the service changes by calling Metro Transit Rider Information.

You can get specific trip planning help from Rider Information after September 8.

Metro Transit Rider Information

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